

The Social World

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MRS. LEE POLICK ... is president of the "baby" unit in Torrance Council, Howard Wood PTA, which also is the first unit to be organized under the new 33rd District. She previously served as parent education chairman for Torrance Elementary PTA and radio and TV chairman for Torrance Council. A resident of 2030 Kathy Way, she will work toward getting everyone interested in PTA.



MRS. P. E. MELLOR ... and El Nido PTA will start out their second terms together, for this woman, resident of 18249 Ashley Ave., held the president's gavel when the Association was first organized last year. She was installed last night and wants to promote closer relations between the home and school during the coming year. She will stress obtaining good speakers for PTA meets.



MRS. RALPH EYESTONE ... took office as president of Crenshaw PTA last week. A resident of 18919 Haas Ave., she has been active in PTA work for four years, serving as vice-president of the Crenshaw unit and as welfare chairman of Torrance Council during 1953-54. During the coming year, this leader, who also has previously served the unit as corresponding secretary, will emphasize child welfare.



MRS. EARL WELLIVER ... will be installed Sea-side PTA president tonight. She has lived in Torrance at 2327 Shadycroft Ave. just during the past year, serving the Association during that time as room mother. She plans to stress student participation in PTA programs and meetings; the student mobile library, and the carnival in her program.



GETTING A FEW POINTERS ... from Mrs. Hartley E. Carr, seated, outgoing president, is Mrs. W. A. Wright, who was installed as 1954-55 president of Torrance Council PTA Tuesday morning.



Mrs. W. A. Wright Seated President of Council PTA

Mrs. W. A. Wright, who has served as first vice-president of the group during the past year, accepted the president's gavel of Torrance Council PTA at installation ceremonies held Tuesday at the Woman's Clubhouse, 1448 Engracia Ave.

The new president succeeds Mrs. Hartley E. Carr and will be assisted by the following:

Mrs. E. W. Ingram, first vice-president; Bruce Howey, second vice-president; G. H. Blake, third vice-president; W. W. Jackson, fourth vice-president; Dana Houston, recording secretary; Lee Polick, corresponding secretary; G. Runstead, financial secretary; W. L. Steinwachs, treasurer; J. H. Cortez, auditor; A. B. Cowie, historian; and A. C. Turner, parliamentarian.

Leaders were installed by Mrs. H. A. Spurgeon, third vice-president of First District PTA, following presentation of awards by Mesdames Jackson, record book chairman, and Evar Jansson, program chairman.

A report of the state convention by Mrs. Wright and a historical skit presented by unit presidents with Mrs. Clark Harris acting as producer and Mrs. Duane Sherwood as narrator also preceded the rites.

Mrs. K. R. Ruffell, historian, presented her report of the year's activities at the conclusion of the meeting.

Session was called to order following a breakfast catered by the Women's Club under the chairmanship of Mrs. A. E. Palmer. Assisting her were Mesdames M. F. Neckerman, J. H. Burchett, Nicholas Gregory; H. J. Osborne, J. A. Elsenbrandt, M. A. Bauman, Hugh Bowman, Dean L. Sears, G. S. Evans, W. I. Laughon, M. M. Schwab, H. L. Mitchell, K. D. Figgins, and Miss Frances Dimitri.

Council personnel supervising were Mesdames E. S. Moon, arrangement chairman, and Cortez, courtesy chairman.

Organize Carr PTA Tonight

Second unit in the newly-formed 33rd District PTA, Evelyn Carr, will be organized officially tonight at 7:30 o'clock when interested parents gather at the school.

Following explanation of organization procedure by Mrs. Elmer Soper, First District extension chairman, and Mrs. Hartley E. (Evelyn) Carr, past Torrance Council PTA president for whom the new school was named, officers will be elected and by-laws approved.

Pre-nuptial Event Fetes Barbara Sion

A miniature bride doll and parasol decorated all in white set the nuptial theme in table decor when Mrs. C. Arthur Woodcock, 911 Kornblum Ave., opened her home last Friday for a shower honoring her sister-in-law, Barbara Sion of Lomita.

The bride-elect will wed Joseph Conovitz next Sunday, May 23, at the 2431 Cabrillo Ave. home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Woodcock.

Torrance residents joining in presenting gifts to the honoree and playing bingo games were her mother and Mesdames Charles Ritchie and Richard Jay, while sharing in the festivities from Lomita were Mesdames Harry Balle, R. D. Sedon, Ernest Milligan, Fred Baker, Tom Belch, and W. H. Watson. Other guests were Mesdames

Girl Scouts Honor Moms

Each mother got a pink carnation corsage made by her daughter last Friday when she attended a party sponsored by Girl Scout Troop 475, which is sponsored by Carson St. PTA. Table decorations at the event carried out the Girl Scout theme. Girls hosting were Betty Kahon, Lena Keyes, Jean Ebel, Mary Lee Johnson, Susan Le Donne, Gwendolyn Blake, Audrey Potocki, Carol Raschka, Linda Davis, Judy Pike, Melba Carroll Grace Cole, Shirley Reeves.

Judy Trambley, Joan McCleskey, Alice Johnston, Mary Jones, Ade Jones, Judy Merritt, Barbara Kay Hudson, and Phyllis Tokanouchi.

Charles Stiley of Redondo Beach, James Snyder of Compton, and William Gutherie and W. Watson of Wilmington.

Narbonne PTA Chiefs to Plan Tuesday Meet

Plans for a Tuesday, May 18, meeting will be made by Narbonne PTA executives when they meet tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. at the office of Miss Elizabeth Parks, girls vice-principal.

Included on the Tuesday program slate will be "Shared Pleasures," an annual hobby and flower show with entry divisions for both students and adults. Ribbons will be awarded as prizes in each division.

Mrs. A. C. Akerson, regional harbor director-elect for 10th District, will install Mrs. E. M. Bernardin, president-elect, and her corps of officers. Also slated is a state convention report by Mrs. Bernardin.

Members of 259th Pl. PTA will serve as hostesses.

Yodeling Duo To Entertain Record Club

A brother and sister yodeling team from Lomita, Janet and Danny Lister, will headline local entertainment at the next meeting of the Velde-Nez Record Club, slated for tomorrow, 7:30 p.m. at the Redondo Community Hall.

Danny, who will be making his initial appearance before the club entered U. S. Naval boot camp at San Diego.

Other talented performers of this area who will be among those presenting the "Ten Top Tunes" are Shirley Griebel, singer of Hollywood Riviera; Mickey Turner, Torrance accordionist; and Roger McAllister, who has made numerous TV appearances, including a guest spot on the Tennessee Ernie Show.

Special attraction will be Leslie Brigham, concert singer, and world traveler, who will be accompanied by Verna Flynn.



MRS. ROBERT E. MURPHY ... who has served Fern Ave.-Greenwood PTA for five years, will be installed as president tonight. Among other offices she has held are recording secretary and ways and means chairman. She is a resident of 1520 Fern Ave. and has been a den mother for Cub Pack 728-C. Parent education courses and an expanded child welfare program are her goals.



MRS. JOHN HINDS ... Torrance High School PTA president installed Tuesday night plans to focus attention on parent education during her term in office. A resident of 1605 Greenwood Ave., she has been active in PTA for seven years, holding offices in Fern-Greenwood and THS units as well as Torrance Council. She was awarded a THS honorary life membership this year.



MRS. WILLIAM CROOKER ... will take the gavel as Madrona PTA's 1954-55 leader on May 19. During her three years in Torrance (she now lives at 809 Cranbrook) she has held numerous offices in the Madrona Association, including that of first vice-president, and also has been active in Girl Scout work. She wants to emphasize spiritual values in the home, school, and PTA.



MRS. H. F. HEINLEIN ... who will be installed as president of Torrance Elementary PTA May 20, will strive for more parent education and more attention to juvenile protection and safety. She completes her third year with the Association this spring as third vice-president and ways and means chairman, serving previously as grade level chairman. She lives at 2208 Granmercy Ave.

Internationals Plan Evening For Visitors

All foreign born women are invited to a visitor's night, to be sponsored by the International Woman's Club tonight at 8 o'clock at the regular meeting place, the Compton Community Center.

Delicacies from different countries will highlight the refreshment menu. Mrs. Zoe Monroe, publicity chairman, said.

Club is composed of war brides from England, France, Germany, Italy, and many other countries. New members are welcome and may obtain information by contacting Mrs. Peggy Viliz, president, at OSHome 6-5965 or Mrs. Monroe at LO 5-9518.

Next month, the club plans to stage a fashion show, Mrs. Monroe said.

New-wed R. Smiths (nee Shirley Owen) Honeymoon

Now honeymooning at an undisclosed destination are the former Miss Shirley Gene Owen and her husband, Richard Gene Smith, who were married last Saturday afternoon and plan to make their home in Torrance.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard L. Owen, 1607 W. 209th St., and groom, son of the Raymond Smiths of Idaho Falls, Idaho, exchanged rings and vows at 2 o'clock ceremonies at Nativity Catholic Church, with Father Robert Gara officiating.

Cecil Owen, uncle of the bride, set the wedding mood with "Ave Maria" and "On This Day O Beautiful Mother." He was accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Niel McConlogue.

For the rites, the bride chose a steel blue butcher linen suit with white accessories. She wore a three-strand pearl necklace and bracelet, gift of the groom, and carried a bouquet of white carnations with detachable corsage.

Her only attendant was her life-long friend, Miss Shirley Clark, who wore a gray gabardine suit with navy blue accessories and a bouquet of pink carnations with detachable corsage.

The groom was attended by Carl Davidson. Taking usher's posts were Ray Crawford and Roy Keenan, uncle of the bride.

Approximately 100 close friends and relatives attending the wedding and reception, held at the home of the bride's parents. Receiving guests in a powder blue butcher linen frock with beige accessories was the bride's mother, Mrs. Smith, who came with her husband from Idaho Falls for their son's wedding, chose a pink crepe dress with pink accessories. Both mothers wore corsages of pink carnations.

The new Mrs. Smith is a 1933 graduate of Gardena High School and until recently was employed at Santa Ana. Her husband, graduate of Idaho Falls High School, is a navy veteran currently employed at Midland Rubber Co.

Arranged by calling Mrs. Dean at FAirfax 8-3679 or the rectory, FAirfax 8-2776.

Catholics Plan Rummage Sale

Plans for the May 21 and 22 semi-annual rummage sale will be completed tomorrow when the Guilds of the Altar Society, under the co-chairmanship of Celina Dean and Yvonne Bernardin, meet at 2 p.m. at the Nativity Parish Hall, 1420 Cola Ave.

All those having articles they wish to donate may bring them to the Hall starting tomorrow through May 20. The hall will be open from 7 to 9 o'clock each evening beginning May 17.

Pick-up service may be arranged by calling Mrs. Dean at FAirfax 8-3679 or the rectory, FAirfax 8-2776.



BEATING THE DEADLINE ... for entering the annual Hobby, Arts, and Flower Show is Delmer Cunningham, president of the American Begonia Society, Redondo Beach branch, which includes Torrance and Lomita as well as the beach cities. Taking down his entry, a begonia display,



at the other end of the wire is Mrs. Eldon Morgan, 17002 Glenburn Ave. Entries close Saturday, May 15, and may be made by calling Mesdames Morgan, MEhio 4-2328; M. Shanahan, FAirfax 8-4335; Douglas Horlander, FRontier 2-7231; or A. C. Turner, FAirfax 8-1963.



MRS. GLEN GRIMSLEY ... who lives at 458 Calle Aragon, believes the Hollywood Riviera area is growing so rapidly that more PTA emphasis should be placed on new residents getting acquainted. She will be installed as president of the Hollywood Riviera unit on May 19, having served previously as first vice-president. She also has been committee chairman for Girl Scout Troop 82.



MRS. CARL CRAMER ... re-elected to the Waltera PTA presidency for a second term, will be installed tonight. A resident of 24480 Ward St., she has been in PTA work for about nine years, holding many executive positions, including secretary, auditor, ways and means chairman, and budget finance chairman. She will strive for parent-teacher cooperation during the coming year.



MRS. KENNETH McVEY ... who will lead Perry PTA, has lived in Torrance at 3825 W. 176th St. for just the past year, but has served her unit as parent-education chairman. Previously she was active in the Association at Tucson, Ariz., serving as president. She will be installed on May 20 and plans to stress spiritual life in the home and school through the PTA program.